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Re: Lila Canyon Extension to the Horse Canyon Mine permit application.

Emery County welcomes the opportunity to comment on the permit application referred to above. The area described in the application permit is within the boundary of Emery County as well as proposed access rights-of-way. Emery County is well suited for the location of this mining operation. Supportive industries are in place within the Carbon/Emery area. A trained and available work force is available. Emery County is willing and able to participate in necessary road construction to make this project happen.

Emery County supports the issuance of the permit to UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. and wants the Division to contact the County Commission for further information concerning our support should that be necessary. Local economic stimulus is anticipated with the development of this mine. It is also important nationally and regionally that energy producing resources are developed to help lessen our dependence on other, less reliable sources. It is important to us that every effort be made to expedite the issuance of this permit.

We are satisfied that environmental concerns are addressed adequately in the permitting process. Those that would oppose this mine and other projects like it have an unrealistic understanding of energy needs of this nation. Strategies are adopted by such opposition which are intended only to delay the development of resources vitally necessary to the economic wellbeing of the country.

Emery County asks the Division to commit to a timely decision in regard to the application being considered.

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